

January 28, 2024
4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Order of Worship

Opening Music **Nancy Plote, Organist**

Welcome & Announcements **Pastor Jeremiah**

Prelude Music

Lighting of the Altar Candles **Acolyte(s)**

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer **Liturgist**

All: God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people, calling us back to your covenant, and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority, that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

From Ministry Matters

***Opening Hymn** **All Creatures of Our God and King" (Vs. 1-3)** **UMH#62**

Prayer of Confession **Liturgist**

All: God, we come to you wanting what we want in our time, and in our way. We say we want a prophet to lead us, as long as they tell us what we want to hear. God, the reality is often we want it our way, and don't care about Your way, or what others need. God, for our self-centeredness, we ask Your help. Being self-centered is sin and it causes harm. God, we confess our sin and we ask for Your help to do better, to be better, to love You and everyone, even ourselves in better and more healthier ways. Help us God to repent of our sins. Not to just admit it, but to make changes so that we don't keep doing it. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation “I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” (Vs. 1,2,&4) UMH#333**

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Liturgist

Message Will We Listen or Not? Pastor Jeremiah

***Closing Hymn “This Little Light of Mine” UMH#585**

Benediction & Blessing

Parting Hymn

“God Be with You till We Meet Again”

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels, guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
till we meet till we meet God be with you till we meet again.**

As the Light of Christ is Carried Out

Acolyte

***Go in Peace & Love to Serve God and Neighbor**

CHURCH CALENDAR – January/February 2024

Vicke’s Hours M-W-Th 8-Noon

Sunday, January 28

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. – Larry & Vicky Vint

Greeters: Larry & Vicky Vint

Children’s Sunday School 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31

Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. In-person or Zoom

No Choir Practice

Sunday, February 4

5th Sunday after the Epiphany with Communion

Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. – Hope Willrett & Gene Hickey

Monday, February 5

Finance Meeting 7:00 p.m. / Church Council 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7

Prayer & Fellowship 6:30 p.m. In-person or Zoom

Choir Practice resumes at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 8

4H 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 11

Transfiguration Sunday

Pastor at Oak Crest 3:30 p.m.

Children's Sunday School 4:00 p.m.

On the table in the Narthex are copies of the School Supply list for Malta Elementary School kids, copies of the Midwest Mission "Top Needs" Supply list, January/February Upper Rooms, and January Newsletter.

"CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND" If you wish to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund, please mark your check accordingly and send your donations to Nancy Plote, 411 S. Malta Rd, Malta, IL 60150

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY **SPECIAL NEED: TOILET PAPER** You are welcome to bring Non-Perishable food anytime throughout the year for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Place it in the box in the narthex marked "FOOD PANTRY". Salvation Army appreciates all you give.

HELP MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER / URGENT NEEDS!

Liquid Laundry Detergent 32-64 oz. - Colored Pencil - 12 Pack - Liquid Household Cleaner 16-40 Oz. - Scissors - Student Size - Liquid Dish Soap 14-32 Oz. - Bleached Lumber to make desks - Blankets – Can be gently used - Rulers 12" long with metric - Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger.

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center will also accept any MMDC Kits, treadle sewing machines, gently used tools, new or slightly used medical supplies and equipment.

They will also accept a financial contribution. Send checks to Midwest Mission Distribution Center at 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558. Check out their web page: umcnic.org/2022MissionChallenge

HELPING OUR KIDS at Malta Elementary School / Special needs: Children's Underwear and Socks

The school supplies needed are: boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors (for younger and older children), and boxes of regular colored markers (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors). Also, a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves, or mittens would be wonderful (hand- made mittens and hats are also okay), as long as they are new.

Lenten Worship Services to Easter:

- Joint Ash Wednesday** Worship Service at **Grace UMC**. 7:00 p.m.
- Regular **Palm Sunday** Worship at **MALTA UMC** 11:00 a.m.
- Joint Maundy Thursday** Worship at **Grace UMC** 7:00 p.m.
- Joint Good Friday** **Worship** Service at **MALTA UMC** 7:00 P.M.
- Regular **EASTER** Worship Service at **Malta UMC** 11:00 a.m.



	BIRTHDAYS
01	Molly Heins-Doughty
04	Elaina Anderson
06	Ethan Fenstermaker
08	Randy Boyden
14	Jenny (Plote) James Becky Piquett
16	Denny Heins
19	Sydney Sandberg
23	Jason Hill
25	Dennis Abbott
26	Sandy Schafer
27	Troy Mattis Gene Hickey

MALTA'S CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday
Feb. 3, 2024
6 - 9 PM

at Malta Historical Society Building



Do you make amazing Chili?

Compete to be crowned

"BEST CHILI IN MALTA"



Tickets \$10 donation

Ticket includes chili samples, corn bread, and dessert.
Attendees will be the judges!



Register to compete by contacting:
Malta.Seedlings@gmail.com
 or on Facebook @MaltaSeedlingProject

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards Malta Seedling Committee's community improvement efforts.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME SIGN-UP SHEET

We are now doing a Sign-Up Coffee Time at 10:30 before church. There is a sign-up sheet on a clipboard in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking those who participate in the Sunday morning Coffee Time to sign up in advance to take turns making the coffee, getting out the cups, and bringing a simple treat (such as a box

of donut holes or cookies). PLEASE KEEP IT SIMPLE!! If no one signs up, no treats! Whoever arrives first can make a pot of coffee.



01	Wilbur Watson
02	Jay Hunt
03	Madison Hunt
04	Amy Spychal
05	Ken Slade
07	Evelyn Luoma (107 Yrs. old)
10	Rachel Hill, Marilyn Berg
16	Owen Fucilla
24	Sue Augustine
27	Jeanette Gommel

Sunday, February 4th

Transfiguration Sunday is a Christian feast day that commemorates the event when Jesus was transformed into a dazzling brightness on a holy mountain¹². It is a manifestation of God's glory and divinity in Christ². It is the final Sunday following Epiphany, and before Lent, a season of preparation for Easter¹³. The story of the Transfiguration is told in all three of the synoptic gospels, and it involves Jesus' disciples Peter, James, and John¹.